



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held August 12, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The State’s Community Care Licensing Division (CCL) within the California Department of Social Services oversees all licensed child care facilities in California. Currently, CCL does not alert parents when it discovers that children have been mistreated or placed in harm’s way by their caregivers at state-licensed child care centers. Although State and Federal laws require that residential care facilities for the elderly, and most skilled nursing homes and intermediate care facilities, post their various licensing reports that describe violations, there is no law or regulation that requires the same for child care facilities. The law only requires CCL to directly notify parents of activities at their children’s child care facilities when CCL plans to shut down the facility or when CCL has ordered a facility to exclude a caregiver or family member from working at or visiting the facility.

“AB 1683 (Pavley) requires that any licensed child care facility that has received a citation as a result of a site visit or complaint investigation that, if not corrected, will have a direct and immediate risk to the health, safety or personal rights of children in its care, post a copy of any licensing report that describes the citation in a visible place at the facility for 30 days. Additionally, AB 1683 requires CCL to post a notice in a child care facility after any site visit that states whether the facility was cited for violating any State standards or regulations, including which category of violation was cited. Such notice also shall include information about how to obtain a copy of the site visit report.

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“AB 1683 is an important bill as it empowers parents to play a more proactive role in ensuring that their children are receiving quality care. AB 1683 would alert parents to circumstances that could compromise or might already have affected their children’s safety and welfare and would give parents the opportunity to quickly intervene on their children’s behalf.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of AB 1683 (Pavley), legislation that would require any licensed child care facility that has received a citation as a result of a site visit or complaint investigation that, if not corrected, will have a direct and immediate risk to the health, safety or personal rights of children in its care, post a copy of any licensing report that describes the citation in a visible place at the facility for 30 days, and requires the State's Community Care Licensing Division within the California Department of Social Services to post a notice in a child care facility after any site visit that states whether the facility was cited for violating any State standards or regulations, including which category of violation was cited;
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a letter signed by the Board to the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board's support of AB 1683; and
3. Instructed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to support this bill.

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